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European Red Cross/Red Crescent Network on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis





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MISSION OF THE NETWORK IS:



- to encourage participation and to help strengthen National Societies' operational capacity to combat HIV/AIDS, TB and other communicable diseases by gradually developing activities at the community level, particularly in the areas of prevention, care, treatment, control, harm reduction, psychosocial support, legal support, reduction of stigma and discrimination social integration and other community activities targeted at the most vulnerable people.
- to help NS's advocate for the circumstances enabling dignified life of PLWH with possibility of full medical treatment

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To strengthen and promote the exchange of experiences, information and best practices among member NSs, with other stakeholders and NSs from other regions.
- To promote the setting up of (innovative) new initiatives and to reproduce them in other NSs by adapting them to the need of local beneficiaries.
- To promote and facilitate concerted collaborative actions in the prevention of HIV/AIDS, TB and other communicable diseases with UN agencies, EU, non-governmental organizations, Global Fund (to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria), other international and national organizations and with existing Federation's Networks.
- To involve PLWHA and other vulnerable groups in ERNA work at all levels
- To give technical support and assistance to member NSs (upon expressed need) in areas where a gap in knowledge and skill exists with motivation and trainings organization, or by enlarging their operational capabilities.



"It is positive to note that the majority of UN Member States have finally reached a consensus on the importance of harm reduction and humanitarian approaches to address the global drug problems. On behalf of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, we encourage the international community to invest important resources to facilitate early screening and access to treatment on HIV, TB, Hepatitis and drug disorders. Treatment paths must be ethical, scientific and humane. Still only 1 in 5 people in the world have access to treatments. This gap is higher in lower income countries"

KEY FACTS



HIV remains a major global public health issue, having claimed 40.4 million [32.9–51.3 million] lives so far with ongoing transmission in all countries globally; with some countries reporting increasing trends in new infections when previously on the decline.





A total of 1.3 million people died from TB in 2022 (including 167 000 people with HIV). Worldwide, TB is the second leading infectious killer after COVID-19 (above HIV and AIDS).

Summary of the global HIV

	People living	People	People dying from
	with HIV	acquiring HIV	HIV-related causes
Total	39.0 million	1.3 million	630 000
	[33.1-45.7 million]	[1.0–1.7 million]	[480 000–880 000]
Adults (15+ years)	37.5 million	1.2 million	540 000
	[31.8-43.6 million]	[900 000–1.6 million]	[410 000–770 000]
😫 Women (15+ years)	20.0 million	540 000	230 000
	[16.9–23.4 million]	[400 000–740 000]	[170 000–340 000]
Men (15+ years)	17.4 million	640 000	310 000
	[14.7–20.4 million]	[490 000-850 000]	[230 000-440 000]
Children (<15 years)	1.5 million	130 000	84 000
	[1.2–2.1 million]	[90 000–210 000]	[56 000–120 000]

Source: UNAIDS/WHO estimates, 2023.

KEY FACTS

GLOBAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS

13.200.000M

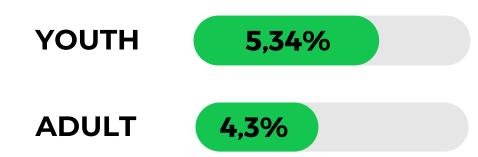
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YOUNG PEOPLE REMAIN MOST VULNERABLE





Albanian Red Cross



Albanian Red Cross from many years now is implementing activities in high school and secondary school on education, awareness raising and prevention of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. All 38 ARC branches organize activities every month, approximately 400 activities in a year. The activities are organized by volunteers who are focal points in each branch. Also other volunteers are involved in preparing the sessions.



Throughout the year there are more than 200 volunteers involved in the project and more than 5.000 students involved in the education sessions. Also we produce fryers and leaflets with relevant information that we hand out to the target groups, approximately 4.000.

On our social media, there are constantly post for the topics, especially on the international days. People reached through social media are more than 10.000.



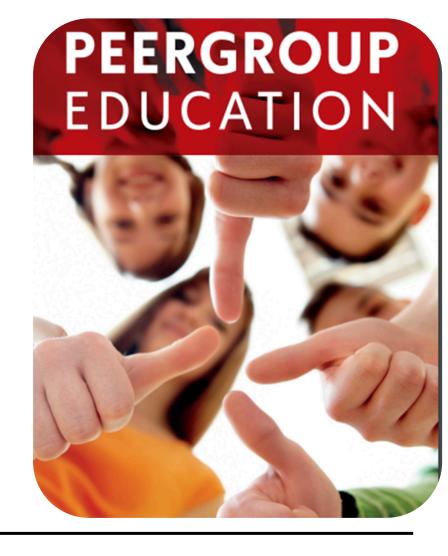


AUSTRIAN RED CROSS

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Peer training on HIV/Aids and crises prevention

The training is designed as a peer approach and therefore is open to all young people from the 9th grade onwards. Peers are there for school colleagues when they need help or a sympathetic ear. They receive support from their peer mentors. These are teachers from the of the respective school who help organize the the peer workshops and are always on hand with advice.





The training content encompasses the following topics:

- Viruses and HIV/AIDS
 Sexual
- health
- LGBTQIA*
 Crisis
- prevention
 Mental health

With the support of experts, the participants develop their knowledge so that they can then competently pass on information on the topic of "AIDS and crisis prevention" to their classmates.

FOCAL POINT: GABRIELA POLLER

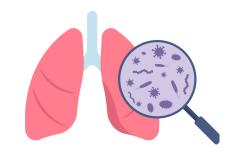


Azerbaijan Red Cross



TB topics were included in the advanced training program for doctors. Seminars were held on the medical and social issues of TB faced by both doctors and TB patients, emphasizing the role of primary care doctors in early detection and adherence to treatment of these patients. More than 300 doctors and students participated in the seminars, and information materials were used.

Within the framework of the "Evaluation of stigma against people affected by tuberculosis in Azerbaijan" project implemented by "Health service" Public Union and supported "Stop TB Partnership" the AzRCS members were conducted the survey among 540 people (469 TB patients, 50 - doctors and 20- members of family and neighbours). The results showed a high percentage of stigma and discrimination against TB patients from the community - 62%. **"YES, WE** CAN END TB"





On March 30, 2023, a conference dedicated to the World TB Day was held under the organization of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Country Coordinating Meeting, QF, the Scientific-Research Institute of Lung Diseases and the. Deputies of the Parliament, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, TABIB, ITS, Azerbaijan TB Fight NGO Coalition and representatives from other institutions participated in the conference. Specialist on Tuberculosis Program of the World Health Organization and "Stop TB Partnership" attended the conference in online format. They once again pointed to the greater prevalence of TB in the world and Azerbaijan.





"Let's say NO to AIDS together"

A conference on December 1 - World AIDS Day was held under the organization of the Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan, the National Coordinating Commission and the Republican Center for the Fight against AIDS (RQMM). Members of Parliament of the AzRepublic, representatives of local and international organizations, NGOs and Civil Unions participated in the conference.

At the conference, information was presented on the achievements made in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Azerbaijan during the last year, and the problems encountered in cooperation. Successful experiences of NGOs in this field have been demonstrated.

Sona Hajiyeva, a specialist of the Migration Department and Matanat Garakhanova, a specialist in Health Programs of AzRS were participated on this conference.





Educational seminars were held among physicians at advanced courses in various modules during the month.

Information materials about AIDS were used at all events

December 1 - On the occasion of the World AIDS Day, the pearl of Azerbaijan, the ancient historical architectural monument, the Maiden's Tower was completely painted in red color and illuminated. This is a call from Maiden Tower: "Let's say NO to AIDS together!"



Bulgarian Red Cross

"LOVE SAFELY"

The volunteers of the Bulgarian Youth Red Cross celebrated another year under the motto "Love safely" on February 14, Valentine's Day, by holding a number of events throughout the country.



AIDS

The aim is to educate the public about the dangers of risky sexual behavior as part of the second phase of the Ministry of Health's National AIDS Campaign.

On February 14 (Tuesday) in Sofia, in the underground passage of the Serdika metro station, from 16:00 to 18:00, volunteers of the capital's youth organization distributed information materials.



Passers-by could join the games "Safe Hugs", "Photo Frames" and "Dice of Luck". A "Risk Line" was played at the points — a competition to put a condom on a model faster, a quiz with myths and the truth about the virus. The volunteers also conducted an online campaign to promote HIV prevention activities/AIDS.

FOCAL POINT: DENITSA BARAMOVA



Georgian Red Cross

TARGET/PEOPLE REACHED



- 13 trainer volunteers and 225 peer-educators, and 20 GRCS staff members were trained faceto-face and remote on prevention, transmission and treatment of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), the harms and dangers behind drug use.
- 308 PWIDs and co-dependents received information about the risks and vulnerabilities associated with HIV, hepatitis B/C and syphilis.
- 48 PWID and co-dependents participated in the 80 regular group psychological sessions.
- 30 PWID and co-dependents received individual psychological consultations twice a week, totaling 1200 individual consultations.
- 7,965 directly and 22,600 indirectly were reached with informational-educational sessions and anti-stigma messages.



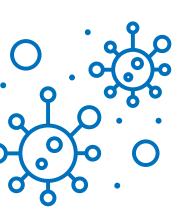
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES/EVENT

- Improved psychological and health status and reduced vulnerability to HIV/AIDS of 308 PWIDs and co-dependent persons.
- Reduced vulnerability of 30,565 (7,965 directly and 22,600 indirectly) people, including PWIDs, co-depended persons, people at risk, and youth to HIV/AIDS and drug abuse through increased knowledge about HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STI), Hepatitis B and C prevention, transmission, and treatment and harm and threats hidden behind drug use and due to received messages against stigma and discrimination attached to HIV/AIDS and drug addiction.
- Increased capacity of 20 GRCS staff and 238 volunteers in providing trainings, and peereducation, awareness-raising, advocacy, and communication activities, and provide psychological support to PWIDs and co-dependent persons.



Hellenic Red Cross

HEALTH DIVISION





STDs & STIs

Hep B (age 15+)& HPV vaccination during which, 303 doses were administered

110 unaccompanied minors mostly with unknown vaccination history, were screened in advance for HBV involving either a rapid surface antigen (HbsAg) test or a full serological test including antibodies for HIV.

olnformation & Awareness trainings of adolescents and adults on "Sexually Transmitted Infections" &

"Adolescent Sexuality Education"

TB & PREVENTION

112 Mantoux tuberculin skin tests were administered & read. In total, 7 individuals with positive result, were referred to the Public TB Center in order to be determined whether any person of them has latent TB infection or TB disease.

Educational sessions were held on "Tuberculosis Prevention-What to Know", in which 158 unaccompanied minors as well as their care givers & assistant staff attended.







TARGETED PEOPLE

- migrants living in urbans
- unaccompanied minors hosted in shelters
- Roma population
- school community
- local vulnerable population
- In total , **1046** people reached

FOCAL POINT: DIMITRA TSEKOURA



Italian Red Cross

On 1 December, World AIDS Day, the Italian Red Cross renews its commitment to combating the spread of HIV through prevention and screening activities promoted by 183 CRI Committees throughout Italy. Furthermore, starting from 1 December, 77 CRI Committees will open their offices to welcome citizens who want to undergo a free HIV test, thanks to the establishment of the LoveRED Point facilities. This initiative is part of the broader **LoveRED** campaign which aims to promote informed sexual education and the importance of prevention. The campaign also includes information and awareness-raising activities on sexual education, emotional and sexual well-being, and awarenessraising to be carried out in schools, universities, squares and places where young people gather with peer-to-peer activities and distribution of condoms. At the CRI offices, those who decide to undergo the test will be provided with an assistance service provided by healthcare personnel and CRI volunteers, oriented towards information meetings on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), with particular attention to HIV, risk behaviours, information on HIV testing, methods of execution and interpretation of results. The distribution of rapid saliva tests for self-administration, which can be carried out independently, is also planned.

"An inclusive and conscious sexual education, which emphasizes prevention and personal well-being, allows everyone to experience their sexuality in a healthy and free way. With this approach, the LoveRED campaign of the Italian Red Cross is committed to combating the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections."





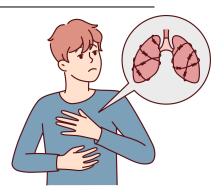




KYRGYZSTAN RED CRESCENT - ERNA SECRETARIAT

World TB day

Main goal - Improving patients' access to TB treatment at health facilities, minimize the risks of treatment interruption and abandonment, and bring them to completion of a full course of TB treatment





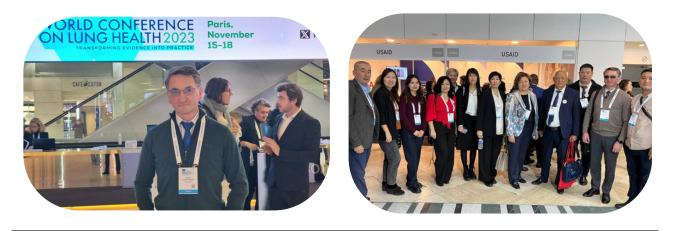
Treatment adherence among TB patients in target areas is improved through social and behavior change communication



The RCSK provides a standard list of services, including:

- Case management of patients taking outpatient TB treatment;
- Advising patients and their close circle on treatment adherence;
- Delivery of TB drugs to a patient and observed treatment, if necessary;
- Monitoring of adverse effects and helping to manage them;
- Counselling of patients;
- Number of patients under patronage of RCSK (social and psychological support): 902 persons.

Mr. Marat Kachkynbekov, ERNA vice-President took part in The Union World Conference on Lung Health (Paris, France. November 2023). In his presentation in one of the satellite sessions, Mr. Kachkynbekov presented the TB programme implemented by Kyrgyzstan RC. The ERNA was mentioned as the RC RC platform to reinforce cooperation on health in the European region. Additionally, on the sidelines of the conference, discussions were held with other organizations and foundations. As a result, the joint application was developed and submitted to the Stop TB Partnership on behalf of Kyrgyzstan RC and Tajikistan RC.



"ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS AND CONTINUATION OF EPIDEMIC CONTROL MEASURES" EPIC

• The goal of the EPIC project is to increase access to HIV services, thereby reducing HIV transmission, reducing AIDS-related deaths, and improving adherence to HIV treatment.





Main services provided:

- Testing and Counseling (conducting a rapid test)
- Provision of Self-Testing kits
- Social support program for people living with HIV in need
- Organizing peer support groups for people living with HIV
- Providing individual counseling; psychosocial support

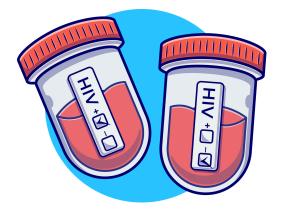
PROJECT EPIC PROVIDES HIV SELF-TESTING KITS





TESTING AND COUNSELING IS CARRIED OUT BY SPECIALLY TRAINED PROJECT STAFF

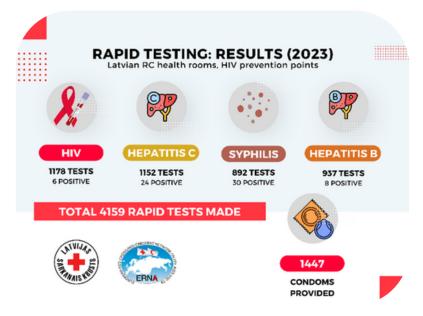




DIFFERENT APPROACHES ARE USED TO ATTRACT CLIENTS TO TESTING AND CONSULTING. (INDEX TESTING, ACTIVE OUTREACH, RECRUITMENT TO TESTING, SELF-REFERRAL)



Latvian Red Cross



WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

The young volunteers of the Latvian RC organized HIV/AIDS information sessions and quizzes for students in some schools and universities, and distributed condoms and booklets. The volunteers tested the knowledge of the residents of the city of Balvi and told them about HIV and AIDS prevalence statistics. They informed them about ways to get infected with HIV, how to avoid getting infected, and what to do if you suspect an infection.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

World Hepatitis Day on July 28th. At the Latvian Red Cross HIV Prevention Points in Riga and Daugavpils, all interested individuals had the opportunity to take rapid tests for hepatitis B and C viruses.

In 2023, Latvian RC opened 2 new HIV prophylactics centres in Valka and Valmiera, operated 13 health rooms, which were visited 3470 times. In health rooms, residents are offered health checks and rapid tests for HIV, hepatitis, and syphilis, as well as information and consultations.

HIV TESTING WEEK

From May 15th to 22nd, the European Testing Week took place, which is a Europe-wide initiative aimed at promoting public understanding of the need for HIV and hepatitis B and C testing, conducting tests, and the importance of timely infection detection. The Latvian Red Cross HIV Points and Health Rooms also invited people to take HIV, hepatitis B, and C rapid tests.

From November 20th to 27th At LSK HIV Prevention Points in Riga and elsewhere in Latvia, individuals can anonymously and free of charge check their health.





Luxembourg Red Cross







As part of World AIDS day, Luxembourg Red Cross organized a concours called "Preventive ART-Art on tee-shirt- The aim of the concours was to ask teenagers, but also adults to create a slogan on the theme "My Party-My Safety" referring to the HIV prevention tools. We received 105 projects from 86 different participants. A jury selected 3 awards in the teenager category and 2 in the adult category. A public award was presented following a Facebook vote. The winner's projects were printed on teeshirt. On the 1st of December, the winners were presented during a fashion show.



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WORLD AIDS DAY SOLIDARITY EVENING "PREVENTIVE ART- ART ON TEE-SHIRT"





Russian Red Cross

Almost 7,000 people underwent fluorography as part of the All-Russian campaign for the World TB Day of the Russian Red Cross. In total, the RRC held over 560 events in 60 regions of the country, attended by 45,000 people.

25.000 Over people participated in the All-Russian campaign of the Russian Red Cross dedicated to World AIDS Day. More than **725,000** participated people online. Events aimed at supporting and educating about HIV and AIDS took place in more than 60 regions of the country.



At the federal level, the RRC launched a special project called "There is a point in living", which has become a center of information and support. The site provides access to resources for those in need of help and includes a photo exhibition, a "help button" and useful services with contacts and services for those facing the disease. Visitors can also find out the addresses of places where they can undergo rapid HIV testing in different regions of the country. During the days of the campaign alone, the site reached **about 200,000 people.**



RRC regional branches organized a number of events, including interactive lectures, public talks with experts and speeches by people with HIV-positive status. 7 regional offices organized open lectures where participants shared their experiences of living with HIV infection and discussed the importance of HIV prevention. Some of them were held in partnership with the Znanie Society. More than **530 thousand people** watched online broadcasts of the lectures. 🛑 Cruz Roja

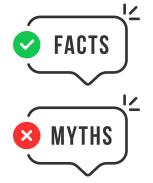
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Spanish Red Cross

November 30, 2023.

Within the framework of World HIV/AIDS Day, the Youth Red Cross and the Spanish Red Cross join together to launch the campaign 'Transmit information, share prevention', and remember the fatalities that this virus leaves behind every year. This initiative aims to educate and raise awareness, challenging stigmas, eliminating misconceptions and promoting equality, inclusion and coresponsibility in the prevention of HIV and AIDS. Education stands as the fundamental tool to eliminate prejudices and build a respectful environment.





In this sense, the Red Cross Youth have taken to the streets to ask the population about their knowledge about this infection, and have seen how among the wishes of the people participating in the videos, which they will disseminate through their social networks, There is the fact of demolishing false beliefs such as that those who have HIV are because "they sleep with many people" or "that homosexual people are the cause and those who have the most this infection." The majority of people interviewed condemn discrimination, demonstrating that society continues to advance day by day in eliminating prejudices. Thus, the campaign corroborates that it is imperative to challenge and demystify false beliefs and misconceptions, among which is the term 'risk groups', since risk is not linked to a specific group, , but to specific behaviors, so Education emerges as the key to understanding and changing this reality.



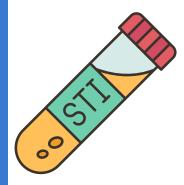
Reducing stigmatization is therefore essential: learning that 'undetectable equals untransmittable' becomes a crucial pillar in reducing stigma towards people diagnosed with HIV, supporting the medical reality that people with undetectable viral load They do not transmit HIV. The campaign also aims to encourage the use of barrier methods as the main HIV prevention measure, and at the same time, will raise awareness about the effectiveness of other primary and secondary measures when combined with barrier methods. Within the framework of the Red Cross and Red Cross Youth's tireless mission of HIV awareness and prevention, it also works to demystify the erroneous beliefs surrounding this sexually transmitted infection: it is essential to clearly and accurately address false perceptions about the routes of transmission, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.



Spanish Red Cross with Ministry of Health held a Program for the promotion of healthy habits and reduce risk behavior regarding to Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV/Aids and Hepatitis. Main goals of the event:

•To inform about infections and diseases: key features, transmission, prevention, diagnosis, treatment...

•To raise awareness of the importance of prevention, early diagnosis and treatment.
•To encourage to maintain healthy habits in their sexual encounters and relationships.
•To implement STIs testing (HIV, syphilis...).
•To reduce stigma and discrimination faced by people affected by these infections or diseases.





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Tajikistan Red Crescent

World TB day

On 31 March 2023, a joint event dedicated to World TB Day was held, which was carried out in cooperation with the USAID ETICA project, the Representation of the German Red Cross, the National TB Program, and the Health Department of Dushanbe.

> The focus group of this event was MDR-TB patients who received COVID-19 vaccination through the activities of the COVID-19 immunization project. Thus, 30 MDR-TB patients from the cities of Hisor. Rudaki and Vahdat districts, which are the pilot districts of the project, were involved. Taking into account that this action was carried out on the territory of the Children's TB Hospital in Dushanbe, 30 children who are in dispensary treatment were additionally involved.



As part of the event, children's animators, the New Era dance group and a body painting specialist were invited. At the end of the official and entertainment part of the event, all participants were provided with hot meals, a cake, memorable gifts and hygiene packages.

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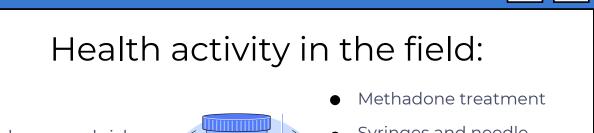




Villa Maraini foundation

Villa Maraini, is the National Agency of Italian Red Cross for Drug addiction and the training center of the IFRC on Substance Abuse and harm reduction programs.





The harm and risk reduction programs of Villa Maraini Foundation in Rome includes





- Syringes and needle exchange
- Condom distribution
- Overdose interventions
- HIV/HCV testing and counselling both for PWID and other target groups
- Referral to health and social services

02-05 MAY 2023

THE ROME CONSENSUS 2.0 SUMMIT AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED CROSS & RED CRESCENT PARTNERSHIP ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE



BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING BRIDGES

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Partnership on Substance Abuse was discussed, the main mission is to support National Societies in their action within the framework of Substance Abuse, through building the capacity of staff and volunteers, technical support for National Societies, advocacy and partnerships with various organizations.

IMPORTANT SESSIONS:

- Chemsex
- The intake of PWUDs
- Psychosocial support and the role of family
- Stigma: addressing cultural and legal barriers
- HIV & HCV quick testing: meet, test, and treat
- The Medical center and the role of medical staff
- The Overdose intervention by non-medical staff on the street

RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT



The Partnership between the Italian Red Cross (CRI), the International Federation of Red Cross/Red Crescent (IFRC) and Villa Maraini, signed in 2012, offers training courses, cooperation programs and specialist assistance to RCRC National Societies, NGOs, Health Centers and government bodies on harm reduction, pathological addictions and infectious diseases, through the experience acquired by Villa Maraini in the field. During 2023, some relevant Partnership's activities included:

ORGANIZERS



BARRIERS HUMANITARIAN BUILDING DRUG POLICY

The focus of discussion will be:

- +C The Red Cross/Red Crescent role in tackling drug-related issues.
- The Rome Consensus 2.0 Statement as a concrete tool for implementing Humanitarian Drug Policy.
- The Continuum of Care Strategy: from Harm Reduction to Evidence Treatment and Recovery.
- The Alternative to Incarceration: "Deflection and Diversion" as a new global strategy that aims to reduce crime, avoid prison and suffering and improve access to health care for people who use drugs.







Organization of the event "Breaking barriers, building bridges: towards a humanitarian drug policy - Rome Consensus Summit & 10th Anniversary of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Partnership on Substance Abuse" held in Rome from 2-5 May. The event was organized to celebrate 10 years of activity of the Partnership and to relaunch the Rome Consensus 2.0, an initiative aimed at promoting principles and activities based on humanitarian drug policy. The Summit brought together more than 100 experts, leaders and activists from civil society, Red Cross/Red Crescent representatives, international organizations, public institutions and law enforcement agencies from 29 countries, who actively participated in debates, workshops and working groups.

FOR FURTHER INFO VISIT: HTTPS://RCSUBSTANCEABUSE.ORG/

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The Villa Maraini units



The Street Unit

Aims to reach the most vulnerable on the streets, bringing help even to those who think they don't need it, spreading the humanitarian policy of harm reduction, in places of drug consumption, so that active drug users avoid HIV, hepatitis, or other STI's and by intervening in case of Overdose: over **3,000** people saved in the last 30 years.

Overdose: 14

Assistance at risk of overdose: **150** Naloxone Distributed (Vials): **294** New users 2023 (Women and Men): **755** Sent to Villa Maraini for treatment program: **208** Sent to other treatment centers: **35** Psychological consultations: **4,515** Information on addiction and infectious diseases: **9,581** Sterile syringes given: **99,372** Used syringes returned and collected: **81,754** Quick HIV-HCV tests carried out in the streets: **78**



The HIV Unit

The HIV Unit is engaged in prevention/information in the field of HIV infections and viral hepatitis, assistance to positive people and management of problems related to infectious diseases, with particular attention to the drug-addicted population, sex workers and youth. The Unit offers a rapid testing service for HIV, Hepatitis C and Syphilis associated with counseling (on-site, at the Foundation's clinic and off-site in outreach programs, in collaboration with Street Unit), distribution of information material, on-site and telephone interviews using the peer-to-peer communication support.



A fast track care path is guaranteed for HIV and/or HCV positive users thanks to the collaboration with the Infectious Diseases Unit of the Policlinico Umberto I, in line with the "continuum of care" continuity of care model: Test-Liknkage to Care-Treat. No. 853 people tested for HIV and HCV of which 6 people HIV preliminarily positive and 55 people Hepatitis C preliminarily positive. During the event the ERNA Board supported several National Societies to join the meeting in Rome with the aim to provide capacity building and sensitize NSs on humanitarian drug policy, and organized an informal meeting among the ERNA focal points to:

- to make a follow-up after the Malaga General Meeting;
- to collect new input and ideas from participants;
- to improve ERNA communication, assistance, cooperation and activities.







Training and capacity building for Red Cross/Red Crescent volunteers



- 9 Italian Red Cross Regional Branches involved: Veneto, Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria, Tuscany, Lazio, Abruzzo, Marche, Puglia.
- 25 assisted territorial Branches
- 47 volunteers or Rome Branch trained and involved in the various services to support national and international public events, health and social activities.
- **36 volunteers** from other Regions were at Villa Maraini for practical internship



 160 volunteers from the Italian Red Cross, 90 from from other National CRMR Societies: Armenia, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, El Salvador, Greece, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Iran.



- Over **2,300 hours of volunteering** were carried out by the RC volunteers in support of the vulnerable people assisted by Villa Maraini, on the streets and in the clinic
- 350 hours of training provided to CRMR Volunteers on-site and offsite
- 250 Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers were trained and sensitized



ALBANIAN RED CROSS



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